

ANARCHIST YOUTH



FEDERATION

Young people everywhere have come to the realization that today's society is stifling and oppressive. It is not surprising that some have stood up against this complacent, consumer oriented culture. These rebels find their anger channeled into actions which, due to their isolation, result in failure and frustration. These isolated malcontents are easily silenced by the system. The time is now to break out of this vicious cycle of isolation. If anything is to be accomplished, we must unite and find our strength in numbers.

We must begin to communicate with each other. Anti-authoritarian youth and organizations (school groups, magazines, etc.) by networking with similar groups and like minded individuals can exchange information, ideas, and coordinate actions. Several groups across North America have sprung up with this purpose in mind. Now is the time to get together and establish a federation of anarchist youth and youth groups. With a network and channels of communication open between anarchist youth everywhere, we can work together to fight against oppression and spread the ideals of youth rebellion.

WHAT IS THE A.Y.F.?

The Anarchist Youth Federation is an organization of concerned young people who are dedicated to building a better future for ourselves and future generations. Here's what we believe:

- 1.) The world today is filled with injustice, corruption and oppression. This is largely the result of political and economic systems based on greed, rather than need, which rely on the domination of one human being over another.
- 2.) Where power exists, the capacity for it's abuse also exists. Power corrupts. Once people find themselves in a position of power, they invariably set themselves apart from everyone else and use their power for their own benefit, at the expense of others. Therefore, people in positions of power will not readily give it up; instead, they will seek more and more power until they are utterly corrupted and are willing to use all the oppressive means at their disposal in order to maintain their hold of power.
- 3.) All government is undesirable and unnecessary. There are no services provided by the state that the community could not provide for itself. We don't need anyone telling us what to do, trying to run our lives, harassing us with taxes, rules and regulations, and living high off our labor.
- 4.) Communism, capitalism, fascism, monarchy, and every other system of government or economics which bases itself on power is unjust and exists for the benefit of a ruling class at the expense of everyone else. The only solution is a society based on equality and

cooperation within the community, to provide for the needs of everyone, not the greed of a few.

The Anarchist Youth Federation has as it's goal: education, communication, and liberation. We are a free association of like-minded individuals working together for these common goals. We are not a political party, or some other organization with an official platform, membership cards, dues, a president or anything remotely like that. We don't concern ourselves with endless meetings or debates over fine points of theory. If you mostly agree with the above statement and want to change today's screwed up world, you might as well consider yourself a member of the A.Y.F. Most A.Y.F. associates are in their teens or early twenties; our approach reflects our concerns as young people coming of age in the world today.

EDUCATION-We want to spread our ideas among young people and society as a whole. Nothing will change until people are made aware of the injustices in the world today and their sources. We utilize every medium possible to spread our message: music, flyers, graffiti, posters, and just plain talking to people.

COMMUNICATION-We need to build a network of anarchist groups who share similar ideas and views. We need to get in touch with each other to share thoughts and find people in our own areas who want to work together.

LIBERATION-This is our ultimate goal. We wish to live our lives as true to our beliefs as possible today, and look forward to the day when we can live and work together in a society based on liberty and equality.

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

There might already be an AYF affiliate in your area, but if there isn't why not start one? Rent a Post Office Box and print up fliers introducing your group and it's ideas to others. Soon you will be in contact with people who share your ideas-the nucleus of a new group. You can get in touch with other A.Y.F. affiliates and share information, fliers, experiences, etc. Together we can spread the ideas of anarchism and work for a better future.

NY-AYF

NYAYF is an anti-authoritarian collective of angry youth who intend to convert our hatred of modern society into creative positive sabotage. We are not naive idealists, nor are we pacifists. We aren't waiting for mass revolution within our lifetimes (although that wouldn't hurt...), yet we are trying to make positive change within ourselves and our community. Our beliefs are based on an understanding of the interconnection of all living beings, despite overwhelming oppression in our world. Our society is one in which elite, governing powers divide people into classes, propagating hatred with institutions of sexism, racism, homophobia. NYAYF recognizes the necessity to turn the tables of the class war raging against the poor (ie wage slavery, gentrification, evictions). Freedom exists only for those who have the money to afford it. We will not be fed the myth that capitalism is freedom: should our only choices be who will lead OUR lives for us, or what kind of cola we can buy? We reject the hypocrisies of patriotism, communism, bosses and the like. Presently, NYAYF is a collective group and is in the process of forming a strong working base of support. We aim towards education through workshops, consciousness raising, ultra-hype literature and authority free-spaces. We encourage input and contacts! We also encourage good fun...so go trip a communist, drink a beer and smash the state!

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Because so many of you have written us asking for contacts in your area, we have compiled a list of groups across North America with similar beliefs to NY-AYF. This list is comparatively small, and we hope to keep it in constant revision, as new anarchist groups form (and unfortunately, break up as well) each day. If you have a group that would like to be included please write us at the below NYAYF P.O. Box, ATTN:List. Finally, if none of these groups are close to you, try writing the nearest one as they will no doubt be more aware of fellow anti-authoritarian activity in your area than we are (or you could always start your own group)...

OTHER A.Y.F. CHAPTERS

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BALTIMORE, MD 21231

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P.O. BOX 19589
CINCINNATI, OH 45219

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P.O. BOX 3316
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OTHER COOL @ GROUPS

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CHICAGO, IL 60680

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P.O. BOX 10854
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DECATUR, GA 30031-2234

COLLECTIVE ACTION
P.O. BOX 44563
DETROIT, MI 48244

CIRCLE A COLLECTIVE
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NEW ORLEANS, LA 70189

C.A.L.
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THE ALTERNATIVE
UT P.O. BOX 16156
UT STATION KNOXVILLE, TN
37996-4900

AUTONOME FORUM
P.O. BOX 366
WILLIAMSTOWN, MA 01267

AMOR Y RABIA
P.O. BOX 45-2001
MIAMI, FL 33245

ANGRY WORKERS GROUP
2140 SHATTUCK AVE.
P.O. BOX 2200
BERKELEY, CA 94704

FACTION OF MERCY
P.O. BOX 7101
FULLERTON, CA 92634

WITHOUT BORDERS
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NEW YORK GROUPS

AUTONOMIST ANARCHIST ACTION
P.O. BOX 3
SPRING. ST. STATION
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WORKERS SOLIDARITY ALLIANCE
339 LAFAYETTE ST. #202
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NY CLASS WAR
P.O. BOX 20370
THOMPkins SQ. STATION
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NEITHER EAST NOR WEST
C/O B. McGLYNN
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BROOKLYN, NY 11215

INTL. SOLIDARITY NETWORK
P.O. BOX 20014
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WHAT THEY DO

(MILITANT @ GROUP MODELED
AFTER AUTONOME (WEST GERMAN
@'S)

(NYC CHAPTER OF INTERNATIONAL
@-SYNDICALIST LABOR UNION)

(GROUP DEDICATED TO EXAMINA-
TION OF @ TEXTS. DO DISTRIBUTION
OF READING MATERIALS AS WELL)

(NYC CHAPTER OF CLASS WAR FED.
PUBLISH A PAPER)

(ACTIVE COLLECTIVE DEDICATED TO
CREATING TIES BETWEEN EAST AND
WEST @'S)

(INTL. SQUATTERS/DIRECT ACTION
GROUP WHO COMPILE AND
DISSEMINATE INFO.)

ANARCHO-SYNDICALISTS

WORKERS SOLIDARITY
ALLIANCE P.O. BOX 40400
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94140

WORLD WIDE MUSIC UNION
P.O. BOX 2246
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WIMMIN'S GROUPS

OBNOXIOUS WIMMIN'S NET.
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